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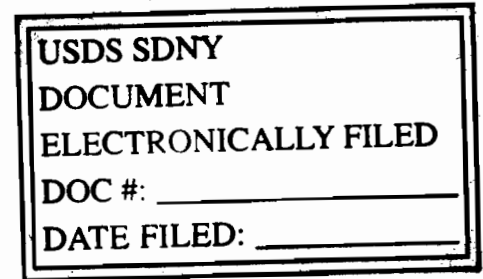
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Honorable Kenneth M. Karas
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Southern District of New York
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Re: Deskovic v. City of Peekskill, et al., No. 07 Civ. 8150 (KMK)

Dear Judge Karas,

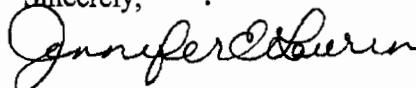
I write, at the suggestion of your scheduling clerk Dawn Bordes, with regard to the June 2, 2008 court conference in the above-captioned case.¹

Your Honor's Individual Rules of Practice provide that "the attorney who will serve as principal trial counsel shall appear at all conferences with the Court." Mr. Deskovic's legal team is staffed with co-principal trial attorneys - Mr. Scheck and Mr. Brustin. Mr. Scheck has a long-standing commitment to attend a meeting in Washington, D.C. on June 2 - which, as the result of a scheduling oversight, conflicts with the court conference of the same date.

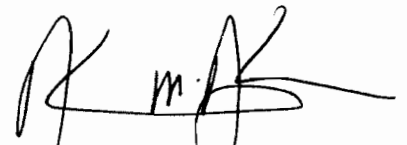
I write, therefore, to respectfully request leave to conduct the June 2 conference in the absence of Mr. Scheck and with the attendance of co-principal trial counsel, Mr. Brustin. //

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,


Jennifer E. Laurin

Granted


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¹ Ms. Bordes also granted permission to fax this letter.

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